

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicants note that the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, did not include acknowledgement of the third supplemental information disclosure statement filed on July 25, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Office acknowledge its receipt in the next Office Action.

In the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, the drawings are objected to for including labels that are handwritten. In response, replacement sheets for FIGURES 1-37 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) are submitted herewith.

The Office Action also objected to Claims 11 and 42 because "the term 'n' should be explicitly described as to what it represents." In response, applicants have amended both Claims 11 and 42 to explicitly define that n/P , as appearing in the equation in issue, is a cutoff spatial frequency. Support for the definition can be found in the specification, for example, at page 45, line 11. The Office Action also objected to Claims 12-20, noting that commas should be disposed as necessary after "C1" and "C2" to allow for ease in reading the claims. In response, appropriate correction has been made to Claims 12-20.

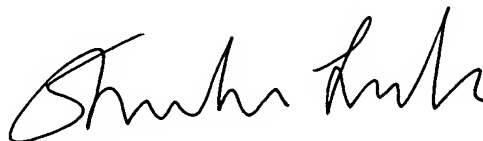
Finally, the Office indicated Claims 11-44 to be allowable because the prior art does not "disclose the aperture location as a function of the focal length and the pitch length in the equation claimed." Applicants note that the equation in independent Claims 11 and 42 defines the aperture *dimension* W (as opposed to the aperture location) as a function of the focal length F and the scale grading pitch P , among others, and that Claim 41, which is also an independent claim, does not recite the same equation as in Claims 1 and 42.

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Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner should have further issues to resolve, he is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

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